

CHAPTER NO. 510

HOUSE BILL NO. 1742

By Representatives Kent, Todd, Hargett, Scroggs, Pleasant, Bowers, John DeBerry

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1718

By Senators Dixon, Person

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8 relative to the Community College in Southwest Tennessee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-8-101(a), is amended by deleting the words and punctuation "Shelby State Community College," and "State Technical Institute at Memphis," and by inserting the words and punctuation "a Community College in Southwest Tennessee," in appropriate alphabetical order.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 8 is amended by adding a new Part 12 thereto, as follows:

Section 49-8-1201. There is hereby created a new institution which shall be known as the Community College in Southwest Tennessee.

Section 49-8-1202. The Community College in Southwest Tennessee shall be under the management and control of the Board of Regents.

Section 49-8-1203. The Community College in Southwest Tennessee is authorized to provide comprehensive one-year and two-year occupational, college parallel, continuing education and community service programs.

Section 49-8-1204. The Community College in Southwest Tennessee shall provide high quality technical and scientific occupational programs, serve as a regional technical school to train engineering technicians for industry, and prepare students to earn a living as technicians or technical workers in the fields of production, distribution or service.

Section 49-8-1205. Employees of affected institutions who have achieved rank and tenure under policies of the Board of Regents and who continue as employees of the Board of Regents without a break in service shall retain that rank and tenure as employees of the new institution.

Section 49-8-1206. The State Technical Institute at Memphis and Shelby State Community College, both established pursuant to Section 49-8-101, are abolished. Their campuses, property, programs, and assets shall be transferred to the Community College in Southwest Tennessee.

Section 49-8-1207. Any legal or contractual rights, duties, obligations, or evidences of debt (powers and authorities) of Shelby State Community College and the State Technical Institute of Memphis shall not be modified, altered, amended or abrogated by the provisions of this part and shall become the rights, duties, or obligations of the new institution.

Section 49-8-1208. Community preference relative to the name of the Community College in Southwest Tennessee shall be discovered through public meetings involving concerned citizens and groups held by the Tennessee Board of Regents. A sufficient number of meetings shall be organized and conducted by the Board of Regents in the year following the effective date of this act to discover community preference. The Board of Regents shall have final approval of any name selected and shall select the name within one (1) year of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3.

(a) There is hereby established a Blue Ribbon Commission to advise and assist the Board of Regents in the transition process involved in the restructuring of Shelby State Community College and State Technical Institute at Memphis into Community College in Southwest Tennessee.

(b) The Blue Ribbon Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members and shall be constituted as follows:

(1) Seven (7) members shall be appointed by the Chancellor of The State University and Community College System. At least two (2) of such members shall be appointed by the Chancellor upon the recommendation of the Shelby County delegation to the General Assembly;

(2) One (1) member shall be a member of the House of Representatives who represents Shelby County, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(3) One (1) member shall be a member of the Senate who represents Shelby County, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate.

SECTION 4. At least one (1) member of the Board of Regents' transition team for the restructuring of Shelby State Community College and State Technical Institute at Memphis into Community College in Southwest Tennessee shall be appointed by the Chancellor of The State University and Community College System upon the recommendation of the Shelby County delegation to the General Assembly.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 28, 1999



JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999



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